MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The petition was forwarded to the Chief Engineer, whose report has been received. The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

*Adur Toll-gate contractor.*

298. MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is with their permission that the Adur toll-gate contractor is levying toll from vehicles which come from the Pandalam side and go to Kayankulam and *vice versa* though these vehicles do not pass through the toll-gate; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have notified such permission in the *Gazette*; and, if so, the date and page of the issue of the *Gazette*?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes; *vide* page 268 of the P. W. D. sheet of the *Government Gazette* dated 3rd July 1928/20th Mithunam 1103 and also the previous and subsequent issues.

*Road from Krishnapuram to Putupalli.*

299. MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what action they have taken on the recent petition from the people of Putupalli and the neighbouring pakuties in the Karunagapalli taluk and the neighbouring taluks about the losses and difficulties they suffer from owing to the want of a cart road from Krishnapuram to Putupalli on the shores of the Kayankulam backwater;

(*b*) whether they are aware—

(i) that this road will tend to improve the economic condition of the people of several pakuties by facilitating transport of manure, agricultural produce, etc., at much cheaper rates than at present; and

(ii) that at present (1-11-1928) there is not even one cart road running to the shores of the Kayankulam backwater where the soaking of cocoanut husks and the manufacture of coir are the chief industries?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) It was forwarded to the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner for enquiry and report as to the necessity for the road and as to whether lands required for the road will be surrendered free.

(*b*) (i) It may; but as a result of the enquiry, the Government find that the people of the place are not keen about the road and are not willing to part with the required lands free of compensation. It is open to the people to press the need before the Roads and Canals Board, shortly to be constituted.

(ii) A road has now been opened from Marutukulangara to Karunagapalli, and another from Alampidika to Oachira is in progress.

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